

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Brown County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

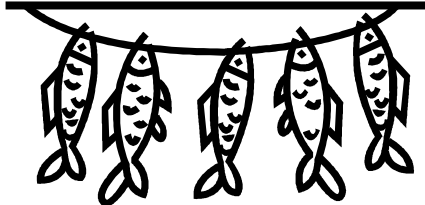
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Brown County, **131,373** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

The **Bay of Green Bay** is **#1** in the U.S. for Bass Fishing.

Brown County received **Outdoor Recreation Grants** of \$1,133,318 that include projects such as Village of Allouez Reconstruction Resch Family East River Trail, Heritage Hill Park Maintenance, and City of Green Bay East River Trail Acquisition.

\$181,166 was invested back into the infrastructure of Brown County's state properties.

In 2013, DNR granted a total of **\$53,012 to Brown County's Sheriff and Police Departments** for ATV, Snowmobile and Boat Patrols.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **1,576 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Brown County.

Community Partnerships

With the assistance of local Musky Club members, the **DNR and volunteers successfully fin clipped and stocked 2,000 Great Lakes Spotted Musky** into the Bay of Green Bay.

Destroyed by storms in the 1970s, reconstruction of Cat Island Chain recently made progress on the wave barrier. **The island restoration project will provide valuable fish and wildlife habitat** while strengthening the **economic viability of the Port of Green Bay**. US Fish and Wildlife, Ducks Unlimited and DNR are working to create a permanent nesting island outside of the Cat Island Chain.

Snapshot of grants in Brown County

DNR awarded \$970,072 in grants to assist with \$2,350,849 in water quality projects. Those projects included a high efficiency street sweeper to control urban runoff.

DNR awarded **\$128,891.00 in grants** to assist **with \$336,371.00 in fish and wildlife habitat projects**. Those projects include removal of invasive plants, land acquisition for conservation purposes and an aerial survey to monitor wildlife populations.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

Brown County is **number one in forestry employment (7,957 jobs) in Wisconsin**. It produces more than **\$4.6 billion** in economic output providing **\$1.2 billion** in added value.

Since 2011, **Brown County has received \$96,685 in Urban Forestry Grants to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.**

DNR granted \$23,605 to Fire Departments in Brown County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on fires.

Brown County has 379 acres of private land open for public access for recreation as a result of tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL.) The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$7,782 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

Since 2005, **over 4,758 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Brown County. The harvests provided over **\$325,729 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 1,520 contaminated properties resulting in 392 acres being made available for reuse**. The cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR provided **\$106,287 in Brownfield Grants** over three years to place contaminated properties back into productive commercial or industrial use.

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program (WARP)**, which created improvements to the air permitting process. This initiative resulted in more timely, consistent and transparent reviews of permits.

DNR assisted the City of Green Bay to **redevelop** the H&R Landfill into a baseball complex.

Deer Management in Brown County

In 2014, Brown County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, a total of 2,682 deer were registered in Brown County with 978 harvested during archery deer season and 1,704 harvested during the gun deer season.